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Sir:

Subsequent to the filing of the above-identified application on September 28, 2005, attached hereto is an English translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (Form PCT/IB/373) that should be made of record in the present application.

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